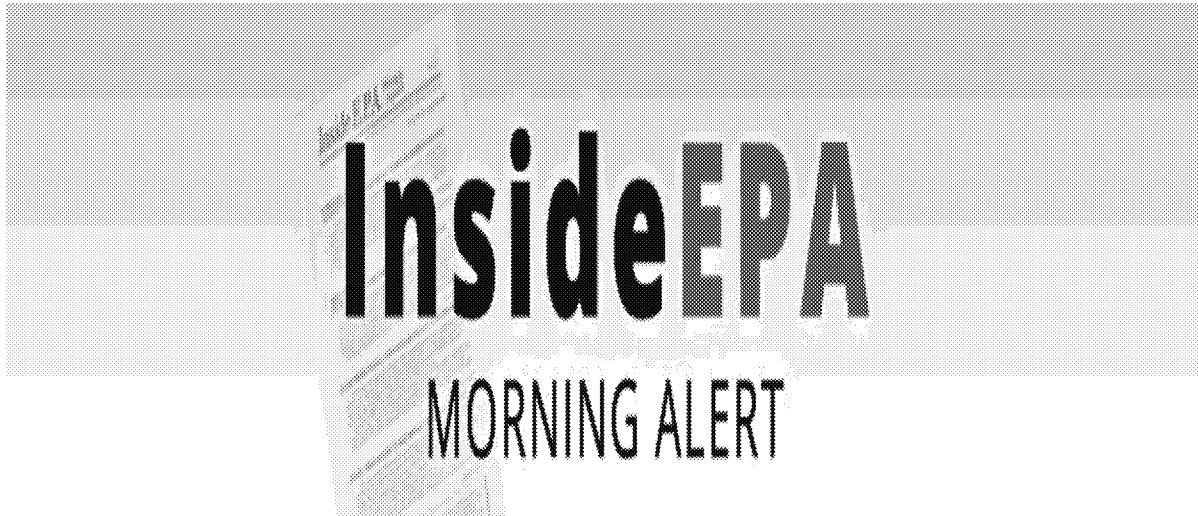


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Despite Past Controversy, EPA Plans Annual Reviews Of IRIS' Priorities

EPA is planning an annual review of its program office priorities for Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessments, a top official told lawmakers, despite controversy that the first such review stalled IRIS' work for months and led to charges that a top political appointee interfered in the review to drop the formaldehyde assessment.

Environmentalists Hint At Suit If EPA Drops IRIS EtO Value From Air Rules

Environmentalists are warning EPA that any attempt to drop use of its conservative Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) risk values for ethylene oxide (EtO) when crafting air toxics rules would result in unlawful regulations not based on the "best available science," signaling a likely legal challenge should the agency proceed with the approach.

House Democrats Unveil Bill To Block Withdrawal From Paris Climate Deal

House Democrats have unveiled new legislation that would bar use of federal funds to withdraw from the Paris climate deal and require the Trump administration to develop a plan to meet the U.S. emissions targets, signaling

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Trailer Makers Query CARB Over Cross-State Application Of New GHG Rules

Amid uncertainty over U.S. EPA rules, truck-trailer manufacturers from across the country are raising concerns about whether out-of-state manufacturers must comply with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Phase 2 greenhouse gas regulation requiring new trailers sold in the state to comply with fuel-efficiency and other standards.

Biofuels Group Urges EPA To Withdraw Draft Deal On RFS Study Deadlines

A key biofuels group, represented by a former top official in the George H.W. Bush administration, is urging EPA to withdraw its proposed consent decree with Sierra Club that would set deadlines for the agency to complete a delayed congressionally mandated study of the environmental impacts of its Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

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In his time at DOJ, Wood aggressively defended the Trump administration's deregulatory efforts, including its bid to end the practice of settling deadline suits brought by environmentalists.

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